



Double Honor

Years of devoted work improving conditions of women prisoners were rewarded when Capt. Ruth Johns of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department was named the 1967 Woman of the Year by the Tarzana Business and Professional Women's Club. Making the presentation are Margaret Milligan, left, and Regenia Powell of the Tarzana B. P. W. Club chapter. Capt. Johns recently received the same honor from the Torrance chapter, of which she serves as secretary.

Woman of the Year

Prisoners Love Her

Capt. Ruth Johns, secretary of the Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club, was named the 1967 Woman of the Year by the Tarzana chapter of the club at a recent meeting.

Capt. Johns recently received the same honor from the Torrance chapter for her work in improving the lot of women prisoners. She is in charge of the Sybil Brand Institute for Women, supervising a staff of 200 in dealing with 20,000 inmates per year.

Among the guests at Barbata's Steak House in Woodland Hills were Mrs. Flora Hameetman, Torrance B.P.W. Club president; Mike Roy of KNX-CBS Radio; Inspector R. C. Welch, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, representing Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess; 50 women lieutenants, sergeants, senior deputies, and deputies of Sybil Brand Institute. Also present were juvenile sergeants and deputies originally trained by Capt. Johns who have since been transferred from the Institute to the Sheriff's Transportation Division and the Detective Division.

Capt. Johns spoke on "Sally and the Swinging Door," stressing the work of the Liaison League Rehabilitation Group Inc. which she helped to establish. The Liaison League is currently engaged in a fund-raising campaign to build "Liaison House" where women released from Sybil Brand could live until they are ready to face the "outside world."

When prisoners at Sybil Brand Institute heard that Capt. Johns was to be honored at the club dinner, they spent two weeks' recreation time fashioning a four-foot-long table centerpiece of red, white, and blue feather flowers with "Capt. Ruth Johns" emblazoned in blue pipestems across the front.

Capt. Johns is a widow and great grandmother who has been a civil servant since 1942. She developed the building plans for Sybil Brand Institute, one of the most modern women's jails in the nation. The facility, located in East Los Angeles, is noted for its spacious grounds and homelike atmosphere. There are no guard towers on its 23 acres and dormitories take the place of cells.

Daughters Attend Memorial Mass

Three South Bay courts of the Catholic Daughters of America join today for a solemn Memorial Mass to pray for their departed members. Court St. Catherine, Court Our Lady of Victory, and Court Madonna of the Hills will attend St. James Church in Redondo Beach at 10 a.m., attired in the respective robes of their office, while the other 53 courts in the Los Angeles area will attend churches in their respective parishes.

State chairman Mrs. Wesley Muzik will lead the group followed by Mmes. Robert Klaesges and Charles Butterfield, area chairmen, and Grand Regents Mrs. Elles Cook, Court St. Catherine; Mrs. Richard Abshear, Court Our Lady of Victory; and Mrs. Robert Marriott, Court Madonna of the Hills.

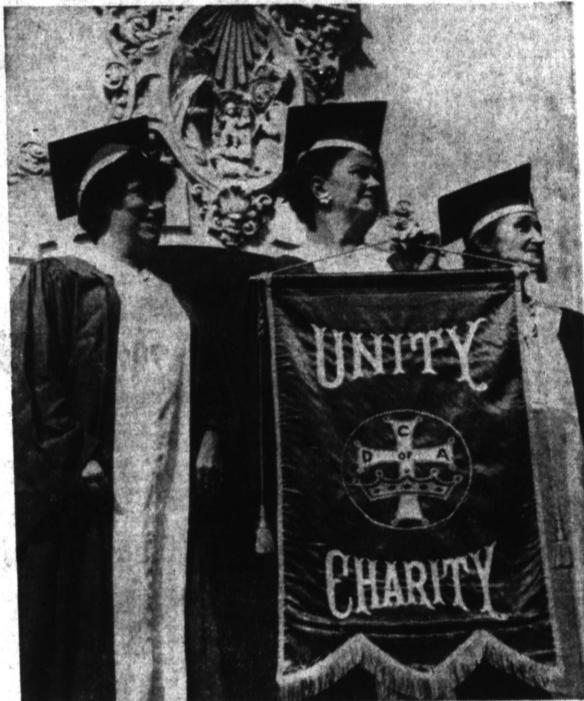
Others attending are Mmes. Arthur Mann, Kenneth Potter, Edwin Mach, Richard Herzog, Michael Nazarium, Edward Souza, Henry Woods, William Gibson, Janet van Buskirk, Frank Wills, Pearl Tannines, Kenneth Byrnes, Mary Devlon, Gilda DeCapita, and Steven Werab from Court Madonna of the Hills.

Mmes. Basil Shannon, James Butler, Sy Durham, Arthur Disterheft, Paul Leyn, Donald Page, Janet Dupont, Leonard Skinner, Frank Ives, Charles Buckley, Margaret Breidenbach, Edna Clune, Sam Estes Jr., and Roger Ste. Marie, will attend from Court Our Lady of Victory.

Mmes. Paul Labonawski, Thomas Murphy, Paul DeCuir, Robert Gribbon, Beverley Williams, David Biloki, Margaret Howell, Thomas Strickfaden, Louie Derouin, Laura Kuhn, Gordon Hicks, Robert Hammerle, Lloyd Lander-ville, Ralph Sullivan, George Rausch, Marian Wochna, Cecelia Young, Thomas Babbitt, Anna Bagosi, Richard Ban, Eileen Barnidge, Helen Bishop, Dorothy Boyle, Willbur Camp, William Olvera, Robert Crain, Regina Cunningham, J.W. Crew, Carl Fredrickson, Emma Hamilton, William Healy, James Neary, Lillian Nicol, Michael Shanahan, Bennett Smith, Joseph Walker, and the Misses Felice and Kathryn Schaughness and Rosie and Katie Ortmann, are attending from Court St. Catherine.

The juniors from all three courts will also attend and will be led by Mary Humting, state junior president.

After Mass the members will have breakfast together.



Carbed in the ceremonial robes and mortar boards of their fraternity, grand regents of the Catholic Daughters of America prepare to attend a solemn Memorial Mass today at 10 a.m. in St. James Church, Redondo Beach. These grand regents and their South Bay courts are, from left, Mrs. Richard Abshear, Court Our Lady of Victory; Mrs. Elles Cook, Court St. Catherine; and Mrs. Robert Marriott, Court Madonna of the Hills. Members of the three courts will attend the Mass to pray for those members who have passed on. (Press-Herald Photo)

Solemn Memorial Mass

Woman's Club

Full November Calendar

The Torrance Woman's Club started the month with a program and tea on Nov. 1, but that was only the beginning.

A community Art Show will be sponsored by the art section of the club on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19, starting at 1 p.m. at the Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave. Mrs. H. M. Cahill will preside over the event.

All South Bay artists are invited to exhibit their paintings. They may contact Mrs. Cahill for information on this show.

The artists are to be judged in two classes: professional and amateur-high school. Ribbons will be given for each class.

The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be served. All donations received will go toward the art scholarship fund and

the Southwest Association for Retarded Children.

The Christmas bazaar and luncheon will be an all-day affair at the Clubhouse on Nov. 29 opening at 11 a.m.

There will be many Christmas gift items and decorations on sale along with pies, cakes, cookies, and candy, and booths of books and white elephants. Luncheon will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited.

Nov. 15 is the club's regular meeting, starting with a potluck luncheon, 12:30 p.m., at the Clubhouse. It will be followed by a business meeting and program.

A rummage sale will be held on Friday, Nov. 10, at the Clubhouse, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and proceeds will go into the general philanthropy fund.

Fifty Years Together



Mrs. Louis S. Njez of Torrance puts the finishing touches on her latest artistic endeavor while her husband offers his compliments. The Njezes celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary recently, with friends and relatives toasting them at a dinner reception Sunday, Oct. 29.

Newcomers Invited To Luncheon Date

Focus will be on the growth of the Del Amo area when Torrance Welcome Wagon Club meets Thursday, Nov. 9 to hear a talk entitled "Birth of a City." The monthly luncheon meeting will be held at the Lobster House, Redondo Beach, at 12:30 p.m.

Giving the address will be Jerry Hay, marketing manager of Great Lakes Realty, which is currently developing the Del Amo Financial Center. Mr. Hay will explore the problems of successfully putting together a "city within a city," discussing the type of facilities now being introduced to the Del Amo area to insure its coordination into a total downtown area which will exist there 15 or 20 years from now.

"It is a new concept throughout the country, planning a complex which will eventually include shopping and living facilities, businesses and hotels, a heliport and a monorail," Mr. Hay explained.

Following Mr. Hay's talk, club members will be invited to question him regarding real estate values, schools, traffic and other problems related to the development of the area.

Any newcomers to Redondo Beach or Torrance interested in attending the luncheon may call Mrs. Eugene Stinson. Child care will be available.



Latest styles in winter apparel will be modeled by members of YW-Wives at their "Holiday Package of Fashion" to be held Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7:30 p.m., in the Gold Room of the Jump 'n' Jack Restaurant. Mrs. Richard Lundy of the decorations committee, shown at left, peruses a fashion show invitation while Mrs. Ronald Hite, mistress of ceremonies, and Mrs. Kenneth Masat, a model, prepare to peek inside the "Holiday Package." Those desiring tickets for the show may call the YWCA. (Press-Herald Photo)

Holiday of Fashions

Exceptional Assistance

Mrs. Joseph Fischer, left, president of the South Bay Hospital Auxiliary, presents the auxiliary's first "Plaque of Recognition" to Vernon Boyd, hospital storekeeper, while Mrs. Boyd looks on. The presentation was made at the auxiliary's regular monthly luncheon meeting at the Lobster House. Mr. Boyd, one of the hospital's original employees, was recognized for his "exceptional assistance" to the auxiliary and others connected with the hospital. (Press-Herald Photo)